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The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

EXEMPTS CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS 55 YEARS OLD OR OLDER FROM STATE OR LOCAL INCOME AND PROPERTY TAXES AND PROPERTY FEES. EXEMPTS CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS FROM ANY STATE ESTATE TAX. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Exempts California residents who are 55 years old or older from paying state or local income taxes, real estate and personal property taxes, or real estate and personal property fees. Exempts California residents from any form of state estate tax, if California were to levy an estate tax. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **Reduced state and local taxes of roughly \$60 billion per year. The state and local governments would have to take actions to bring their budgets into balance—by reducing spending and/or raising other taxes or fees.** (17-0029.)

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INITIATIVE COORDINATOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

August 30, 2017

Re: Request for title and summary

Dear Ms. Johansson:

Pursuant to Article II, Section 10(d) of the California Constitution, this letter requests that the Attorney General prepare a circulating title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the enclosed ballot initiative: "California Freedom from Slavery Act." Also enclosed are the required signed statements per California Elections Code, and a check in the amount of \$2,000.

Please direct all inquiries and correspondence regarding this proposed initiative to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Lee Olson
Chairman
Committee to End Slavery
16458 Bolsa Chica Street, #165
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

Enclosures: Initiative language, Certifications and check

SECTION 1. Title. This measure shall be known and may be cited as the “California Freedom from Slavery Act.”

SECTION 2. Findings and Declarations

A. The Committee to End Slavery makes the following findings:

- (1) It is a fact that one either owns property or one is property.
- (2) The owner of property has the sole right to possession of that property, to decide how that property is used and to trade or dispose of that property in the manner of his choosing.
- (3) California residents do not possess the rights of property ownership over anything. Therefore, because they do not possess ownership over anything they are property. This means they are owned by the real property owner and are, therefore, the slaves of the property owner.
- (4) California State, County and Local governments own all property of California residents. Therefore, California residents are slaves of the various levels of government.
- (5) California residents do not even own their most fundamental, basic property, their bodies given to them by their Creator so they can function here on earth. You would think they should at least own that property. However, the government has usurped that ownership by telling the residents, at gun point, what they may or not 1) put in their bodies, 2) do with their bodies, 3) do by mutual consent with other residents, 4) do to provide services to others, ad infinitum.
- (6) California residents do not own the house they mistakenly think they purchased. They are merely tenants of the house. The deed recorded in the County Recorder office is not evidence of ownership, it's simply a rental agreement giving the tenant the first right of refusal to pay the rent (property tax) levied on the property. If the resident tenant does not pay the rent, then the government will kick the tenant out of the property and auction off the rental agreement to another tenant. If the government didn't own the property, it wouldn't be able to kick the non-rent paying tenant out.
- (7) The power to tax is the power to destroy. That is, the power to tax any one by any government involves the power to destroy and this power of government by taxation to destroy can defeat and render useless the power of individuals to create and preserve what they have created.

- (8) There should be a time in the life of a slave when enough is enough and the slave should be freed.

Section 3. Purpose and Intent.

- A. To free California residents from financial enslavement by the various levels of State, County and Local government upon their becoming senior citizens.
- B. This is the first step in freeing all California residents from financial enslavement by the various levels of State, County and Local governments; one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.

Section 4. The California Freedom from Slavery Act. Section 33 is added to Article I of the California Constitution, to read:

SECTION 33.

(a) This Act shall be known as the "California Freedom from Slavery Act."

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of the Constitution to the contrary, every resident of the State of California shall be exempt from all forms of State, County or Local income, real estate property and personal property taxes or fees beginning the year of the 55th anniversary of the birth of the resident and continuing every year of residency thereafter until, and including, the day of the resident's death and shall be exempt from any form of estate tax on the resident's estate.

SECTION 5. Proponent Standing. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the State, its government agencies, or any of its officials fail to defend the constitutionality of this measure following its approval by the voters, any other government employee, any proponent, or, in their absence, any citizen of this state shall have the authority to intervene in any court action challenging the constitutionality of this measure for the purpose of defending its constitutionality, whether such action is in trial court, on appeal, or on discretionary review by the Supreme Court of California or the Supreme Court of the United States. The fees and costs of defending the action shall be a charge on funds appropriated to the Attorney General, which shall be satisfied promptly.



October 25, 2017

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Hon. Xavier Becerra
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Attention: Ms. Ashley Johansson
Initiative Coordinator

Dear Attorney General Becerra:

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9005, we have reviewed the proposed constitutional initiative related to taxes on Californians who are age 55 and older (A.G. File No. 17-0029).

Background

Income and Property Taxes. According to U.S. Census Bureau data, Californians pay around \$230 billion in state and local taxes each year. Two of the largest taxes are the state income tax (now about \$90 billion per year) and the local property tax (around \$60 billion per year).

Proposal

Eliminating Income and Property Taxes for Californians Age 55 and Over. This measure amends the State Constitution to prohibit the state and local governments from levying income or property taxes on any Californian age 55 or over. The measure also creates a constitutional ban on state or local estate taxes (although a prior voter initiative essentially already bans such taxes). The measure provides that these tax changes would occur, notwithstanding any provision of the Constitution to the contrary.

Fiscal Effects

Large Amount of Taxes Implicated by This Measure. Californians age 55 and over currently pay a significant share of California's income and property taxes—although it is difficult to make a precise estimate of this amount. Our rough estimate is that this amount is now around \$60 billion per year. Accordingly, this measure would reduce state and local government revenues by around \$60 billion annually.

Changes to Spending and/or Revenues in Response to This Measure. In response to this measure, governments would have to take actions to bring their budgets into balance—by reducing spending and/or raising revenues.

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Summary of Fiscal Effect. This measure would have the following fiscal effect:

- Reduced state and local taxes of roughly \$60 billion per year. The state and local governments would have to take actions to bring their budgets into balance—by reducing spending and/or raising other taxes or fees.

Sincerely,



for

Mac Taylor
Legislative Analyst



for

Michael Cohen
Director of Finance